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## Museums & Cultural Affairs

### The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 3:30 PM City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

#### MINUTES

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm. **Members Present:** Jesus Alvarado, Rida Asfahani, R. Katherine Brennand, Ken Gorski, Martina Lorey, Marina Monsisvais, Jane Thomas and Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson. **Members Absent:** Floyd Johnson and Ray Parish. **Others Present:** Patricia Dalbin, Marisol Lopez, and Maria Aragon.

**2. Public Comment:** None.

**3. Approval of Minutes.** Chair asked for motion to approve minutes for last meeting on November 16, 2010. Marina Monsisvais moved to approve the minutes with the correction to Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson's name; Jane Thomas seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discussion and action on election of Vice-Chair.** Pat Dalbin asked for volunteers. After brief discussion regarding roles and responsibilities, Ken Gorski volunteered to serve in said capacity. Martina Lorey moved to elect Ken Gorski by acclamation; we Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and action on loan of public art collection item to El Paso Community College: Aaron Mosley Sculpture "Trilogy".** Pat Dalbin mentioned that the current location for the sculpture is out of visibility and that the artist has requested the piece be moved to a more prominent location. Mentioned that outreach to Dr. Rhodes at EPCC was positive and a letter expressing his interest to acquire the artwork was secured. MCAD is proposing a 20-year loan agreement for the piece to be placed in the courtyard of the Valle Verde campus. Jane Thomas moved to approve the 20-year loan of "Trilogy" to EPCC as presented; Rida Asfahani seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

Before adjourning the meeting, Chair Katherine Brennand, mentioned that the Public Art budget was approved and adopted by City Council earlier this morning. Mentioned the presentation was very impressive, and asked Pat Dalbin to elaborate on current projects. Pat Dalbin provided updated on the following: Community grassroots projects: money set aside for working with tax payers' concerns directly to Council Representatives; Global Reach Sun Metro: artist selection in process; Cleveland Square: fabrication phase ready to start and will include fencing alongside Missouri and Santa Fe streets with laser cut steel panels in "papel picado" motif and also indigenous plants, shading components, reading circles, refurbished benches. Discussion about aesthetic components for all projects, group agrees that final product should tie in to the entire surrounding area and green efforts should be incorporated wherever possible in landscaping design.

Chair Katherine Brennand mentioned that Artspace project was also adopted by City Council today. Mentioned that survey sustained 392 replies stating they'd consider relocation to downtown El Paso with live/work area at affordable prices. Mentioned that City Council voted for public/private partnership and entered into contract with El Paso Community Foundation. Mentioned that third phase of project will begin in February and is expected to be completed by summer 2011.

**6. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm. Next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2011.

Approved for content by:  
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